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Vlone Area

1. Since 1948 the island of Saseno has been under Soviet control. The construction of concealed submarine berths and other military installations continue unceasingly. Construction operations are under the direct control and supervision of Soviet technicians, and only a limited number of trusted Albanians have been assigned to these projects. The latter are not permitted to leave the island; and the Soviet technicians, who dress in civilian clothing, are never seen in the city of Vlone. The largest projects are on the east side of the island and strategic areas are mined.
2. War material from the Soviet Union have been received at Vlone. Heavy guns, arms, and other war material have arrived on two Soviet vessels, the SS TARAS SHEVCHENKOVSKIY, and the SS KOTOVSKIY. These vessels have made several voyages to and from Soviet ports.
3. The military airfield at Vlone has been reconstructed and is well maintained. There are runways for fighters and bombers. A non-military airfield is located near Uj te Ftohte.
4. An ammunition depot for the garrison at Vlone is located approximately 2 kilometers outside the city in an olive orchard near the crossroad of the Vlone-Fieri road. The depot is surrounded with barbed wire and is well guarded.
5. Heavy artillery emplacements are located on the Karaburun peninsula. These emplacements are manned by Albanians under the command of Albanian and Soviet officers.
6. A military gasoline depot for the Vlone garrison is located approximately 700-800 meters from the city precincts on the Vlone-Fieri highway next to the road-block at the city's entrance.

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Durres Area

7. A general ammunition depot for the entire Albanian Army is located next to Shkambi i Kavajes east of the Durres-Kavaje road. The depot storage areas consist of tunnels dug into the hills. The entire area is off limits to unauthorized personnel. Batteries of heavy guns have been emplaced on Shkambi i Kavajes for the defense of the area and of the harbor of Durres.
8. Long-range batteries are emplaced near former King Zog's palace overlooking the port of Durres. A small air observation post has been installed in the palace and controls the flight of planes flying over that area.
9. Gasoline depots are located in the former AGIP plants approximately 1 kilometer from the city of Durres on the Durres-Tirana road.
10. East of Durres, in a region known as Rreth i Pashes near the village of Peshkve, a large military airfield has been rebuilt. This airfield had been originally constructed by the [] Air Force during World War II. The rebuilding of runways is under the supervision of Soviet technicians.

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Korce Area

11. The Korce military airfield is located near a community called Tebeja e Korce. A warehouse for the Korce garrison is located approximately 2 kilometers outside of Korce on the Korce-Drenove road. An air observation post is located on the Pogradec-Korce road approximately 2-3 kilometers outside of Korce.

Kucove Area

12. A major ammunition depot supplying troops in southern Albania is located 300-400 meters beyond the bridge leading to Librazhd on the road from Elbasan. The area is surrounded with barbed wire, and guardposts have been set every 20 meters. A road from the depot area leads to the Elbasan-Librazhd road.

Gjinokaster Area

13. Military warehouses are located near the village of Gjorgucat. [] A military warehouse is located in a large building near the Cerciz Topulli Square in Gjinokaster.

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Tirana Area

14. Headquarters for the Albanian General Staff is located in a large building next to the national stadium on Tirane e re Boulevard. The central telephone exchange and center for other medium of tele-communications is located in the Corps of Engineer barracks approximately 600-700 meters east of the military and civil hospitals of Tirana. A signal supply depot is located in these barracks.
15. The new Radio Tirana broadcasting station has been constructed on the hill next to the Bektashi Monastery approximately 3 kilometers east of Tirana in the direction of the old road leading to Shengjergj.
16. An ammunition warehouse is located near the community of Rrapi Trish at the beginning of the Linze-Friske-Mount Dajti road.
17. Air observation posts are located in the village of Milot on the Tirana-Shkoder road and on the hill overlooking the town of Lesh.

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Shkoder Area

18. An ammunition warehouse is located in the village of Shiroke on the right bank of Lake Shkoder.

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